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THE THORNEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1953.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for 1953.

A small epidemic of whooping cough occurred between June and August - some 18 notifications being received.

Immunisation against diphtheria is not so good again - only 11 out of 44 children born during 1952 being immunised.

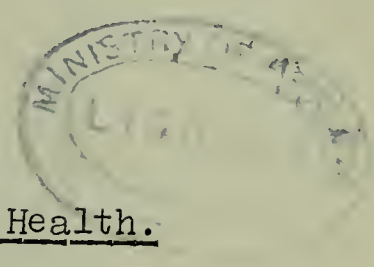
The water supply is working well and the sewerage works can cope adequately with the demand.

In my opinion it has been a satisfactory year.

Your obedient Servant,

J.R.F. Popplewell,

Medical Officer of Health.



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Medical Officer of Health - J.R.F. Popplewell, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,
D.(Obst.) R.C.O.G.

Sanitary Inspector - T.A.C. March, M.S.I.A., Cert. R.S.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area ... 21,796 acres.
Population 2,435.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Live Births : Legitimate	19	22.
: Illegitimate	<u>-</u>	<u>3</u>
	19.	25.
	<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>
Stillbirths : Legitimate	-	-
: Illegitimate.	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>
	1	-
	<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female.</u>
<u>Deaths under 1 year</u>		
Legitimate.	1.	-
Illegitimate.	-	-
	1.	-
	<u>1.</u>	<u>-</u>
Deaths from Cancer	-	1
Deaths from Tuberculosis.	-	-
	-	1
	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Infectious Diseases.</u>		
Tuberculosis	2.	-
Pneumonia.	2.	-
Scarlet Fever	2.	-
Measles.	1.	-
Whooping Cough.	7.	11
	14.	11
	<u>14.</u>	<u>11</u>

Table Showing Age Groups for Whooping Cough.

Under 1 year	-	1
1 - 2	2.	1
3 - 4	3.	5
5 - 9	2.	4.
	7.	11.
	<u>7.</u>	<u>11.</u>

Diphtheria Immunisation.

Children 1 - 4 years	14.
" 5 - 9 "	3.
" 9 -14	<u>Nil.</u>
	17.
	<u>17.</u>

Laboratory Facilities.

Ambulance Facilities.

Nursing in the Home.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Clinics.

The facilities of all the above services are the same as last year.

Water Supply.

The water supply is working well. No investigations or bacteriological examinations were made during the year.

Sewerage.

The sewerage system works well.

Housing.

Houses completed during the year :-

(a) Private 3.

(b) Council. 6.

Houses under construction - none.

